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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In re Application of

Shunji IMAI, et al.

Application No.: 09/986,975

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: WASHING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF WASHING LAUNDRY

: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 6015

: Group Art Unit: 1746

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 3, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 3, 2005, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.